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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SOLE  
SOURCE CONTRACT WITH TRIPLE P AMERICA**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors' Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source Contract, by notifying the Board of our need to initiate a Sole Source contract. It is the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into new sole source contract negotiations with Triple P America (TPA), located at 1205 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (Mailing address: PO Box 12755, Columbia, SC 29211).

TPA, headquartered in South Carolina, is a branch of Triple P International (University of Queensland, Australia) and is responsible for disseminating the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) model in the United States. TPA offers and coordinates all basic Triple P workshops held in the United States and is the sole entity authorized to offer these workshops. There are no other organizations or individuals that the developer has authorized to conduct Triple P training in the United States. TPA will provide training, consultation, and technical assistance in support of implementing the Triple P within selected Los Angeles County contracted agencies and directly-operated clinics as a result of the budget curtailment and the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) transformation.

Triple P is one of the Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) in the MHSA PEI Plan that DMH is implementing. In addition, DMH is implementing its plan to mitigate its Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 budget shortfall. One of its mitigation strategies is to offer DMH's contractors the opportunity to transform their programs to PEI services, including the Triple P EBP. Triple P training will allow agencies to train their staff as quickly as possible so that there is very little interruption of service. DMH is providing training, consultation, and technical assistance for this practice to its providers in order to implement the Triple P EBP as quickly as possible so that there is seamless delivery of services to its consumers, clients and family members.

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Triple P is a system of parenting and family support strategies. Organized in five levels of increasing intensity, Triple P offers a variety of methods and activities which can be implemented in a number of different settings. The main goals of Triple P are to improve parenting skills and improve child behaviors. These goals are reached by delivering structured curricula involving the promotion of positive parent-child relationships, encouragement of desirable behaviors, the teaching of new skills and behaviors, and management of misbehavior. Triple P has been validated in the United States and abroad for many diverse cultural populations.

The consultation and training services under the proposed sole source contract with DMH will be fully funded with \$2,315,000 in MHSA PEI funding. The term of the consultant agreement will be from FY 2009-10 through FY 2011-12.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with negotiating the sole source contract. DMH will work closely with both County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing a new agreement with TPA.

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